

**Division of Communication Disorders  
Strategic Plan Goals Update 8/28/17**

**~~Action Item 1. Improve the sequence of the synchronous distance graduate program.~~**

*Note: the distance MS program was discontinued.*

**Action Item 2. Expand clinical service to the State.**

*8/28/17 Update: In the UW Speech & Hearing Clinic we have continued capacity enrollment in speech services and maintained a steady audiology client load (in clinic and off-site services). Our graduate students continue to provide clinical services across the state through community placements and externships. In addition, we are beginning to explore telehealth services and becoming approved providers for the state telehealth network. Finally our faculty (Guiberson, Bush, Garcia, Hidecker, & Jones) are involved in specialty clinics, in-service training, and clinical research projects with Wyoming agencies.*

**Action Item 3. Infuse interprofessional education into the UG and Grad curricula.**

*8/28/17 Update: IPE has been included in SPPA 4250, including a major interprofessional project with nursing and pharmacy students. IPE has been introduced into SPPA 5380 Professional Practice via student participation in Project ECHO interdisciplinary practice communities. Our program also dovetails with the UR LEND program, several of our graduate students participate in these activities.*

**Action Item 4. Improve assessment of our undergraduate student learning.**

*8/28/17 Update: The University rated our undergraduate program as a Tier 1 program. Our 2016 undergraduate assessment on critical thinking demonstrated the integration of critical thinking across the UG curriculum, and revealed that our students are meeting the learning objective critical thinking.*

**Action Item 5. Offer students information about alternate career options for undergraduate students not going on to speech-language pathology and audiology programs.**

*8/28/17 Update: In the Fall semester of 2016 NSSLHA hosted the third annual "Alternative Careers Night" that included multiple professionals from related disciplines. The Division also developed new information and an entire webpage: "Allied Professions and Careers I can pursue with a BS in Speech, Language, and Hearing Science." NSSLHA plans to host the Alternative Careers Night again in October 2018.*

Note: The University is writing a new Strategic Plan. The Division will develop and finalize a new strategic plan and goals once the University & College plans are made public.